Board has prepared an action plan for replacement of old pipelines and such pipelines are being replaced in a phased manner. This is a continuing process.

Discrimination among the residents of Delhi and Chandigarh

2263. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has a policy for free-hold conversion in the name of power of attorney holders on payment of extra money and production of 'D' form in lieu of the lease hold plots allotted to members of co-operative house building societies in the union territories of Chandigarh and Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that whereas such applicants in Delhi are being allowed freehold conversion, the power of attorney holders of such plots in Chandigarh are not being entertained for freehold conversion even on production of form 'D' as well as payment of extra charges fixed; and

(c) if so, the reasons for discrimination among the residents of Delhi and Chandigarh?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Chandigarh Administration has reported that on the basis of a clarification from DDA, it has now been decided to allow conversion of lease-hold property directly in favour of holder of General Power of Atorney and necessary instructions in this regard have been issued by Chandigarh Administration on 12.6.98.

Census Report on Housing and Amenities

2264. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the 1991 Census Report on housing and amenities shows that only about 16 per cent of all households in India have access to basic civic facilities like electricity, safe drinking water and toilets; and

(b) if so, what is the latest position, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) As per the Census of India-1991, 42.37% of the population has access to electricity; 62.30% had access to safe drinking water; and 23.70% had access to toilets. However, as per the Census Report, only 16.07% of the population had access to all the three facilities.

(b) As per information received from the State Governments, 85% of the urban population has access to safe drinking water and approximately 50% of the urban population has access to sanitation facility. State-wise details are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 184, Annexure No. 67-'A']

The detailed household census is carried out once in 10 years and exact information will be available only after the next census.

Basic Pay of the Drivers of DDA

2265. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the basic pay of the Drivers of DDA, who have joined in July, 1996 and fixed some of Rs. 700/- less than that of the Drivers who have joined in December, 1995;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when this anomaly will be removed; and

(c) steps taken to give justice to sufferers?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) DDA has reported that the pay of drivers appointed in December, 1995 has been

fixed on individual basis with reference to the pay/emoluments drawn by them as on 31.12.1995 under the provisions of the C.C.S. (Revised pay) Rules, 1997.

The pay of drivers appointed in July, 1996 has been fixed as per the provisions of fundamental Rules/Supplimentary Rules. There is therefore no question of anomaly in the fixation of pay of drivers appointed in July, 1996.

Shopping Complex at CGH Complex at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

2266. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the date since when the allotment in the Vasant Vihar Central Government Housing Complex, New Delhi, was started;

(b) whether the shopping complex was got constructed by the CPWD authorities concerned;

(c) if so, the date on which the shopping complex was constructed and number of shops allotted/sold by the Land and Development Office;

(d) whether Government are aware that none of the shops have been allotted since the date of its completion and what is the amount of loss of Government revenue suffered; and

(e) how Government propose to recover this loss?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (e) The Shopping Complex at Central Government Housing Complex at Vasant Vihar constructed by CPWD became ready for allotment in May, 1998. Tenders have been invited by the Directorate of Estates for allotment of these shops which are due to be opened on 21.7.98. thereafter the Shops will be allotted on completion of necessary formalities. In view of these facts Govt. has not suffered loss of revenue.

Additional sum to Hyderabad under Megacity Project

2267. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received requests from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to allot additional sum under Megacity Project to Hyderabad city;

(b) if so, the progress made regarding sanction of enhanced central share to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The matter regarding enhancing the Central share under the Mega City Scheme including that for Hyderabad city was taken up with the planning Commission. The Planning Commission has indicated that a decision on the issue regarding enhanced allocation of funds under the Mega City Scheme would have to wait till finalisation of the 9th Plan proposals.

Conversion of Plots to Free Hold in Golf Link

2268. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received from the Golf Link area for conversion of plots from lease-hold to free-hold;

(b) the number of plots converted into free-hold and the number still pending; and

(c) whether Government will issue instructions for disposal of the pending applications within a time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) So far, 54 applications have been received, out of which, 8 properties have been